

grandmother, Mrs. Mattie Brown, of North Charleston.

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U. S. Approves Mt. Pleasant Housing Project

The Federal Housing Administration has approved a 27-unit low-rent housing project on Mount Pleasant for Negroes.

Mount Pleasant Mayor Francis F. Coleman made the announcement today after a conference with Mayor Morrison, an ex-officio member of the City Housing Authority, which will erect and operate the project.

Mr. Coleman said, "This is one of the finest things that has happened to Mount Pleasant in years. It will mean decent living quarters for Negroes now living under the very worst sort of conditions."

Mayor Morrison said the City Authority diverted the units from its own allocation because of the "great need for better living conditions for Negroes in Mount Pleasant."

The authority, he said, plans to call for bids shortly after Jan. 1, with construction to start shortly thereafter.

The project will be located in a Negro section of the town — on what was formerly Greenwich St. between Bank and Ferry Streets. An act was passed this year by the General Assembly giving the authority to close Greenwich Street.

Mr. Coleman will ask Town Council to pass a slum clearance law similar to the one used by Charleston in order to comply with a government requirement that one slum must be eliminated for every living unit provided in its project.

Condemnation of slums will not delay construction of the new project, but Town Council must, over a course of time eliminate them, Mr. Coleman said.

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